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1. A skin protective composition for topical use that can prevent contact and passage to the skin of toxic chemicals and irritants found in the cosmetic industry comprising a cosmetic vehicle or base and about 0.5 to about 25% by weight of a surfactant, said composition being readily removable with water.
2. A skin protective composition according to claim1 wherein said cosmetic vehicle or base is a member selected from the group consisting of gels, creams, ointments, aerosol sprays and lotions.
3. A skin protective composition according to claim1 wherein said vehicle or base contains at least one lipid substantially insoluble in water.
4. A skin protective composition according to claim1 wherein said surfactant is a member selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic and amphoteric surfactants.
5. A skin protective composition according to claim1 wherein said surfactant is a lathering surfactant.
6. A skin protective composition according to claim1 containing at least one member selected from the group consisting of conditioners, emollients, lubricants, protectants, antioxidants, vitamins, proteins, complex carbohydrates and plant derived products.
7. A skin protective composition according to claim1 in the form of a cream.
8. A skin protective composition according to claim1 in the form of a gel.
9. A skin protective composition according to claim1 in the of a lotion.

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10. A skin protective composition according to claim 1 in the form of an aerosol spray.

11. A skin protective composition according to claim 1 in the form of an ointment.

12. A skin protective composition according to claim 1 in the form of a liquid which dries to form a film on the skin.

13. A skin protective composition according to claim 3 wherein said lipid is a member selected from the group consisting of petrolatum, C 10-30 cholesterol/lanosterol esters, beeswax, polyethylene wax, paraffin, triglyceryl mono stearate, decaglyceryl stearate and polyglyceryl stearate.

14. Method of manufacturing the composition according to claim 1 comprising the step of adding at least one surfactant into the cosmetic base or vehicle.

15. Method according to claim 14 wherein said surfactant is added in an amount of about 0.5 to about 25% by weight.

16. Method according to claim 15 wherein said surfactant is a foaming surfactant.

17. A method for eliminating or preventing contact and passage to the skin of toxic chemicals and irritants found in the cosmetic industry, comprising the steps of applying to the skin in the area where contact of the toxic chemicals and irritants is to be avoided an effective amount of the composition of claim 1.

18. A method according to claim 17 comprising the further step of wetting with water said applied composition for removing said composition.

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